



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6721

LCO No. 3529

Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:
(PD)

***AN ACT REQUIRING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION
TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ORDINANCES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 33 of number 511 of the special acts of 1929, as
2 amended by section 2 of special act 77-54, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 The district commission shall conduct a public hearing on any
5 proposed ordinance or revision to an ordinance at which parties in
6 interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard. Notice of
7 the time and place of such hearing shall be published in a newspaper
8 having a substantial circulation in the metropolitan district at least
9 twice at intervals of not less than two days, the first not more than
10 fifteen days nor less than ten days, and the last not less than two days,
11 the proposed ordinance or revision to an ordinance shall be filed in the
12 office of the clerk in each municipality that is a member of the district
13 for public inspection at least ten days before such hearing. The
14 proposed ordinance or revision to an ordinance may be published in
15 full in such newspaper. No ordinance passed by the district board shall
16 take effect until ten days from the passage of such ordinance nor until

17 it has been published twice in one or more daily papers issued within
18 the metropolitan district and the clerk of said district shall cause each
19 ordinance passed by the said district board to be published without
20 unnecessary delay, and a certificate of the district clerk upon the
21 record of such ordinance that the same has been so published shall be
22 prima facie evidence thereof in any suit or proceeding, and no
23 ordinance shall be valid if repugnant to the laws of the state.

24 Sec. 2. Section 34 of number 511 of the special acts of 1929 is
25 amended to read as follows:

26 The district board of the metropolitan district may, from time to
27 time, revise the ordinances of said district combining therein existing
28 ordinances and making such alterations as it may deem necessary; [
29 which revision, so made, shall be legal and valid without the
30 publication required to be made of new ordinances.]

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Metropolitan District Commission to conduct a public hearing on proposed ordinances and revisions thereto.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]